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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUBPARA 23(4), "MARITIME SCENARIOS", OF "US CONTRIBUTION TO THE FORMULATION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE EMBODYING A LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT FOR NATO." SUGGEST THAT YOU CIRCULATE TO OTHER DELEGATIONS AND TO IS AND THAT THIS ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DRC DRAFT REPORT ON KEY
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ELEMENTS OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: 23(4) MARITIME SCENARIOS. WHILE THE
POSSIBILITY OF A LARGE-SCALE MILITARY CONFLICT AT SEA,
NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN ATTACK ON LAND, CAN BE HYPOTHESIZED,
IT WOULD SEEM MORE LIKELY THAT LARGE-SCALE MILITARY
CONFLICT AT SEA WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH HOSTILITIES
ON LAND OR WOULD PRESAGE A LAND/AIR CONFLICT. HOWEVER,
GIVEN THE FREQUENCY OF CONTACT BETWEEN NAVAL VESSELS
OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT NATIONS, SMALL-SCALE CONFLICTS
COULD BREAK OUT, ESPECIALLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN OR IN
AREAS OF OFF-SHORE OIL OPERATIONS. END TEXT.
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